

Bobcat Requirements



1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.

As a mnemonic, the Oath begins with an O.

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.

These are the characteristics a Scout should demonstrate. As a mnemonic, the Law is a list.

A Scout is

1. trustworthy,	7. obedient,
2. loyal,	8. cheerful,
3. helpful,	9. thrifty,
4. friendly,	10. brave,
5. courteous,	11. clean,
6. kind,	12. and reverent.

3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.

The Cub Scout sign is made with the right arm held high and straight up above the shoulder, with the index and middle fingers forming a V. The other two fingers are held with the thumb.

The two extended fingers stand for the parts of the Cub Scout Promise, "to help other people" and "to obey." They also stand for the two alert ears of a wolf. This is the sign of Cub Scouts all over the world.

The Cub Scout sign should be given when repeating the Scout Oath or Scout Law. It is also used in ceremonies.

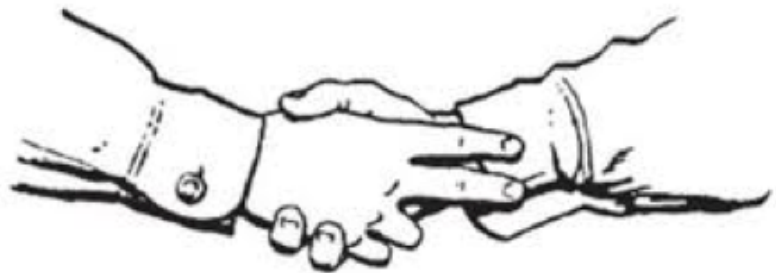
The Cub Scout sign can be used to quiet a group of Scouts by their leader. **The leader holds up the sign, and as people notice, they should stop talking and also hold up the sign.**



4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

The Cub Scout handshake is done by putting the index and middle fingers of the right hand (the Cub Scout sign) against the other person's wrist when shaking hands.

Cub Scouts and Cub Scout leaders use this handshake everywhere in the United States. The handshake signifies that those who use it help others and obey the Scout Law.



Cub Scout handshake

5. Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.

The Cub Scout Motto is "**Do your best**".

Cub Scouting teaches Scouts that doing your best is more important than winning. What one Scout is capable of doing when trying his best may not be the same as other Scouts, and each should be viewed based on his effort, not his ability.

6. Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.

The salute is made by joining the index and middle fingers of the right hand (holding the other fingers with the thumb) and touching the extended fingers to the cap visor or forehead. The hand is held the same as for the Cub Scout sign, except the two fingers are together.

The Cub Scout salute is used to salute the flag when in uniform and to show respect to den and pack leaders. It can be used when greeting other Cub Scouts.



7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet [How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide](#)

The guide is also [available in Spanish](#).

More information on [BSA's Youth Protection policies](#) is available at scouting.org.